

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

AGENDA

APRIL 29, 1969

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of Feb.24 and 25,1969. (2)
2. Approval of the minutes of the Special meeting of Feb.28,1969. (2)
3. Setting of the Spring Shrimp Season, May 25 to July 15, 1969. (2)
4. Approval to request the La.Div. of Administration to advertise for the sale of all alligator hides confiscated. (6)
5. Approval to request the State Mineral Bd. to advertise for the mineral lease on the Russell Sage W.M.A. - Frank Spooner (8)
6. Renewal of dredging permit in the Mississippi River held by La. Materials Co.,Inc. (10)
7. Approval of dredging permit to J. S. Waters and Co.,Inc. to remove sand and fill material from waterbottoms and adjacent bars in the Atchafalaya Basin on either side of the Atchafalaya River between Miles 94 and 95.5. (11)
8. Approval to compromise with W. T. Burton. (12)
9. Approval of Pan American request for well location on Marsh Island State Lease 4096, Well No. 3. (15)
10. Approval to request State Mineral Board to advertise a tract on the Rockefeller Refuge of Approximately 1,060 acres. (16)
11. Approval of installation of freshwater control structure in Bohemia Spillway cooperatively with Plaquemine Parish Commission Council and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. (17)
12. Acceptance of Contract No.5997,La.Paving Co.,Inc.,contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Dorceat Bayou,Webster Parish, and an extension of time to the date of acceptance. (20)
13. Approval of extension of timber cutting contract on Bodcau W.M.A. to Anthony Forest Products Co., Contractor.
14. Acceptance of completion of lab addition to the District VII office, Wm. Baker, Architect and Fontain Abbott,Contractor and an extension of time to the date of acceptance. (22)

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15. Approval to return compensation of confiscated shrimp taken in case of August 4 and 17, 1969. (24)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana on Monday and Tuesday, April 28 and 29, 1969.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. Monday's meeting was an informal session, held in the Director's office at 2:00 P.M.

The public formal meeting was held on Tuesday, April 29, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226 of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

Clarence A. Guidry

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Morris

James L. Winfree

ABSENT: H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Jimmie Thompson

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., by stating that the first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the previous Commission meetings.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, held on February 24 and 25, 1969 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, held on February 28, 1969, was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Jones explained that since there are so many shrimp fishermen in attendance for the meeting, the Commission would then consider the setting of the Spring Shrimp Season for 1969.

Dr. St. Amant then took the floor by explaining that last Thursday, April 24th, a meeting was held at the Grand Terre Marine Lab whereby the Commission personnel presented the data accumulated from the research taken and other various factors which exist. Dr. St. Amant explained by use of graphic charts comparing previous years to that of the expected year to come. He showed graphs of the percentage of shrimp expected to be matured at various periods between May 1st and June 2nd. Because of cold weather conditions, large volumes of marketable shrimp would not be available until late in May. Dr. St. Amant pointed out

that two crops of shrimp were in the nursery area. One is the regular spring crop which would not be available until late in May; and the second is a smaller crop made up of over wintering and very early spring shrimp. He pointed out that the latter crop, though small, was fishable and were of marketable size. He then recommended that the season be opened on May 5 in certain restricted areas of deeper water to expedite the taking of this early crop, and that the more shallow and inland nursery areas which contained small shrimp be kept closed until May 25. This will give the small shrimpers an opportunity to harvest the available shrimp in certain areas. Then, we may expect a slack in the catch until about May 25th, when again there will be a second crop ready for harvesting. At this time, the brown shrimp crop will be available, which should run until the end of the season. The shrimp season in Louisiana is governed by State law, which was passed several years ago when this type of data was not available. Dr. St. Amant continued by stating that the law as it stands today is too limited in scope and does not take advantage of all of the data available. Another question posed is enforcement. If the law is not changed by the legislature and the shrimpers continue to have large size shrimp available, then, naturally, there will be violators. Dr. St. Amant explained that we are going to need good enforcement particularly between the Delta and Vermilion Bay. Dr. St. Amant repeated his recommendation of the Spring Shrimp Season opening on May 5th.

Chairman Jones then recognized State Representative J. Kenneth

Leithman of Jefferson Parish.

Representative Leithman complimented Dr. St. Amant and the other Commission personnel on the excellent job they did in compiling the research data. He said each time that he has met with our Commission, he has learned more and more about the growth cycle of shrimp and their habits. Representative Leithman stated he thought the law should be changed and that "the dates should be in the hands of the professional people." He continued by saying he realized Dr. St. Amant had his reasons for making the recommendation of May 5th; however, most of the shrimpers who approached him were in favor of the latest possible date, May 25th. Therefore, Representative Leithman requested the Commission to reconsider this matter.

Chairman Jones then recognized State Senator Samuel B. Nunez, Jr. of St. Bernard Parish.

Senator Nunez also complimented Dr. St. Amant on his fine presentation. He said that after hearing the various arguments, he could only draw one conclusion, that the season should not be opened on May 5th. Senator Nunez further stated that it was his understanding from the explanation that the bulk of the shrimp do not arrive until June 1st, at least. He also said that if the legislature were briefed on the available information and made to see the existing problem, then they would do everything possible to help. He said that if the law needed to be changed, they would lend their assistance. Senator Nunez then said "after looking at the graphs and charts, it would be detrimental to open earlier than May 25th.

Chairman Jones then recognized Senator Jules Molere.

Senator Molere congratulated the Commission for the work that they did and stated that he was one of the original people to help draft legislation on the shrimp laws. He explained that at the time the law was made, it was the feeling of the majority that this law was flexible. Nevertheless, Senator Molere said that even though Dr. St. Amant recommends May 5th, it is the recommendation of many of his constituents that May 15th or 20th be the opening date. Senator Molere sympathized with the Commission relative to the problem of enforcement, but stated that this problem would exist regardless.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Leo Kerner, State Chairman of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Kerner also favored May 25th as the opening date. He showed various news articles which had been published during recent years relative to the shrimp season. He stated that his group also aided in trying to have better laws set for the shrimpers.

Other spokesmen favoring the opening date of May 25th were: Quinton Claiborne, Democratic Committeeman of Jefferson Parish; H. R. Robinson, Louisiana Shrimp Cannery Association; Ernest Stein, Constable from Jefferson Parish and a seafood dealer; Walter Scott Molero, son of Police Juror in St. Bernard Parish; Dan Mitchell, U. S. Department of Agriculture Home Demonstration Representative; and Willard Ryan, Secretary of the Louisiana Shrimp Association.

Mr. Ryan also presented the Commission with a resolution adopted by the Louisiana Shrimpers Association requesting the Louisiana State Legislature to grant authorization to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to change the opening and closing dates of the shrimping season according to the biological recommendations.

After considerable discussion by members of the Commission the vote was then taken. All members were in favor of May 25th.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1969 Spring Shrimp Season to open on May 25, 1969 at 12:01 A.M. and to continue until mid night, on July 15, 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be instructed to assign every available enforcement agent, boat and airplane to patrol the coastal areas.

Chairman Jones then turned to Clark Hoffpauer for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Hoffpauer explained that some time ago the Commission had a case where alligator hides were confiscated and put in cold storage pending the outcome of the case. This was the Mirandona case. It is suggested that the hides be put up for sale by bids through the Louisiana Division of Administration. If this is not done, the hides are liable to deteriorate in storage as it has been well over a year that the hides have been in storage.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did have a case involving the confiscation of illegal alligator hides, and

WHEREAS, upon making the arrest, the confiscated alligator hides were then put in cold storage for further investigation, and

WHEREAS, it has been well over a year since the hides were taken into possession,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the sale of alligator hides which are presently being held in cold storage by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Said hides were confiscated by the Commission when found illegally in the possession of various hide dealers and have been held in cold storage for a period of a year or longer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then called on Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that the Commission has received an application from Mr. Frank Spooner of Monroe, Louisiana for a mineral lease on a 1160 acre portion of the Commission owned by Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in Ouachita Parish. Mr. Spooner also forwarded a check in the amount of \$100 in good faith. Mr. Yancey then said that the application has been examined and found to be in order and therefore, it is requested that the Commission adopt a resolution requesting the Louisiana State Mineral Board to advertise for bids on the Commission's one-half mineral interest on this tract of land.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application dated April 17, 1969, from Mr. Frank Spooner, Monroe, Louisiana, for a mineral lease on a 1,160 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in Ouachita Parish, described as follows:

E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 24; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, all in Township 17 North, Range 4 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, containing 1,160 acres more or less, in Russell Sage Game Management Area.

WHEREAS, the processing of mineral leases on Commission owned lands is carried out by the State Mineral Board, and

WHEREAS, the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission owns one-half of the minerals on this property.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby requests the State Mineral Board to solicit bids for a mineral lease on the 1,160 acre portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area as described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this be done at the next regular meeting of the Mineral Board, or as soon thereafter as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached copy of rules and regulations be made a part of any mineral lease that may be issued by the State Mineral Board on this 1,160 acre tract.

- 1- Entry into the area for drilling and production operations shall, as far as practicable, be by road. A minimum amount of lines and all permanent superstructure shall be used and tank batteries shall be so located and maintained as to avoid pollution of streams and other portions of the leased premises and none of the above construction work shall be done without first submitting plans for the construction of roads, pipelines, tank batteries, salt water disposal systems and other permanent installations to the State Mineral Board and the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission, for approval, rejection or modification, and all construction plans will be presented to the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission and other approving parties for study for a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to approval date. Special precautions in developing access to drilling sites in areas already intensively improved for wild-life may be required as mutually agreed upon by the mineral lessee and the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission. No such construction will be approved that is likely to permit water pollution.
- 2- Levees and fire guards shall be so constructed around tank batteries, separators, and boilers as to decrease fire hazards and to prevent water pollution, and wherever practical, such levees and fire guards shall be bonded to the base after the removal of the vegetation and by means of a core trench.
- 3- To prevent pollution all salt water shall be reinjected into subsurface formations. In situations where it is not deemed practical to do this the State Mineral Board and the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission shall be advised and its approval obtained of such other methods of disposal as shall prevent pollution.
- 4- Flares shall be burned only when necessary and all flares that are burned shall be flared in a burning pit. In situations where it is deemed necessary to burn flares, the State Mineral Board and the Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries shall be advised and their approval obtained.
- 5- All permanent structures placed on the leased premises shall be so constructed as to create minimum fire hazards and so as to result in avoidance of pollution of water bottoms and other portions of the leased premises and minimum disturbance or harm to the game and wildlife inhabiting said area.
- 6- Lessees shall comply with all current rules and regulations of the Wild Life & Fisheries Commission for the protection of game and wildlife, and particularly, no hunting, fishing or any other

activities harmful or destructive to game or wildlife shall be permitted on the leased premises or any other part of said game preserve. Upon completion of drilling operations no loud noise making machinery will be used in carrying out production operations.

- 7- All drilling and producing operations shall be conducted under the strict supervision of the State Mineral Board and the Department of Conservation and shall be subject to the prevailing laws, rules, and regulations of the Department of Conservation.
- 8- No construction or drilling operations may be conducted on the area during the waterfowl (duck) season.

**LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES
COMMISSION**

BY: _____

Clark M. Hoffpauer, Director

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next two items on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained that the Commission received a request from Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. for a dredging permit for sand and fill material in the Mississippi River between Mile post 75 and Mile Post 89, Mile Post 105 and Mile Post 120, Mile Post 123 and Mile Post 126 to be renewed. Dr. St. Amant explained that the present permit for a period of five (5) years was granted in April of 1964 and is subject to renewal. Dr. St. Amant recommended Commission approval on the renewal of said permit as all requirements have been found to be in order.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in April 1964, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission granted the Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. a permit for a period of five (5) years to dredge for sand and fill material at three (3) various locations in the Mississippi River, and

WHEREAS, said permit will expire in April, 1969, with the Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. having the right, as stated in paragraph 17 of agreement, to renew the permit upon expiration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a written request from the Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. for renewal of permit, which is hereby granted and approved. Said permit shall be renewed for that location in the Mississippi River within the areas described as follows: Mile Post 75 and Mile Post 89, Mile Post 105 to Mile Post 120, Mile Post 123 to Mile Post 126.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant continued by telling the Commission of the request received from J. S. Waters and Company, Inc. for a permit to dredge to remove sand and fill material from waterbottom and adjacent bars in the Atchafalaya Basin on either side of the Atchafalaya River between miles 94 and 95.5 . Dr. St. Amant explained that the application meets all requirements as set forth by the Commission and also added that this matter was discussed with the Louisiana State Land Office which is involved with respect to that portion of the material that might be dredged from the batture. Dr. St. Amant therefore recommended Commission's approval on the issuance of said permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did receive an application from J. S. Waters and Company, Inc. for a permit to remove sand and fill material from the waterbottom and adjacent bars in the Atchafalaya Basin, and

WHEREAS, said request included a request to dredge for same material on the batture lands adjacent to the water and bar area, which is under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Land Office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval for the issuance of a permit to J. W. Waters and Company, Inc. to dredge for sand and fill material on the waterbottom and adjacent bars in the Atchafalaya Basin, on either side of the Atchafalaya River between Miles 94 and 95.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. George Stringer, Attorney to explain the W. T. Burton compromise to the Commission.

Mr. Stringer explained that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission under Suit No. 75429, against W. T. Burton Company, Inc., sued for an injunction and suit for damages claiming in indebtedness of \$21,496.68 and for cancellation of

two (2) permits granted on December 30, 1959 and January 25, 1960 and a certain lease granted on January 24, 1961. Mr. Stringer further stated that Burton agrees to pay the Commission \$3,000 constituting full payment and final settlement on all matters claimed in the suit. Burton further agrees that it will release the three aforementioned agreements, with the exception of two areas in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Stringer therefore recommended Commission's approval on the acceptance of this settlement.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission brought suit against the W. T. Burton Company, Inc., for an injunction and suit for damages claiming an indebtedness of \$21,486.68 and for a cancellation of certain permits granted on the 30th day of December, 1959 and on the 25th day of January, 1960, and that certain "lease" granted on the 24th day of January, 1961.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to discontinue the litigation and settle and compromise all claims provided the W. T. Burton Company, Inc. agree to the following terms and conditions, which shall be binding upon said company:

Burton shall agree to pay the sum of \$3,000, which shall constitute full payment for any and all claims arising out of the above mentioned law suit. Burton further agrees that it shall release unto said Commission all right, title and interest in those certain water bottoms granted on the 30th day of December, 1959, and the 25th day of January, 1960, and the 24th day of January, 1961, with the following two (2) exceptions:

1. All reefs, and water bottoms located in Sabine Lake, near Port Arthur, Texas, and from Sabine Pass (entrance to Sabine Lake) to the mouth of the Sabine and Neches Rivers, Cameron Parish.
2. All reefs and water bottoms located in Calcasieu Lake, sometimes known as Big Lake, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to grant a new non-exclusive permit to the W. T. Burton Company, Inc., which shall be for a period of twelve (12) months beginning May 1st, 1969 and renegotiable at the end of each period for an additional period of twelve (12) months.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained to the Commission the request received from Pan American to drill a well for access to the main location and also to cut a slip in a canal to about 2,000 feet to the Pan American Road located on our Marsh Island Refuge. Mr. Ensminger said this proposal had been examined and found to be feasible provided Pan American adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon said company for the protection and benefit of the wildlife and fisheries resources in the area.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Pan American Oil Company to drill a well for access to the main location and also cut a slip in a canal to about 2,000 feet to the Pan American Road, located on State Lease 4096, Well No. 3, on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. Permission is hereby granted to the Pan American Oil Company provided said company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon them for the protection and benefit of the wildlife and fisheries resources in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger continued by telling the Commission that the State Mineral Board has petitioned the Commission relative to a request they received for advertising a tract on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, approximately 1,060 acres for mineral purposes. Mr. Ensminger explained that it is unleased acreage in Lake 13 area.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Mineral Board received a request for a certain tract of land on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge to be advertised for mineral purposes for lease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana State Mineral Board to advertise for the lease sale of approximately 1,060 acres of land for mineral purposes, located on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, on that portion of unleased acreage better known as Lake 13 area.

Chairman Jones then requested Dr. T. B. Ford to explain the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford explained that the Commission received a request from the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council for the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's cooperation to establish a fresh-water structure in the Bohemia Area of the Mississippi Delta Region. The construction of these locks would be financed jointly by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, at one-half the cost and the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission equally at one-fourth the total cost. The Commission's estimated share of this segment of the project would be \$375,000. Dr. Ford explained that the money could be appropriated from the Oyster Seed Ground Fund and the Commercial Seafood Fund. The overall project provides for four (4) salinity control structures to be located at various designated points along the Mississippi River, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Dr. Ford then recommended Commission approval on this matter for the protection of the oyster, waterfowl and/or fur production in the Bohemia area.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, an Act of Congress, Public Law No. 89-298, Title II - Flood Control, approved 27 October 1965, authorized, inter alia, the Mississippi Delta Region, Louisiana Project, in accordance with the report of the Chief of Engineers dated 6 April 1962, contained in House Document No. 308, 88th Congress,

2nd Session; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, as represented by the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, proposes to construct the following works of improvement:

Four salinity control structures, with appurtenant channels, in the Lower Mississippi River Delta Region, to introduce fresh water from the Mississippi River into oyster, waterfowl and/or fur producing areas, two of the structures to be located in the West Bank Levee, vicinity of Myrtle Grove and Homeplace, and the other two in the East Bank Levee, vicinity of Bohemia and Scarsdale, in Plaquemines Parish, State of Louisiana,

all generally in accordance with the plan of the District Engineer and with such modifications thereof as in the discretion of the Chief of Engineers may be advisable; and

WHEREAS, each of the structures is independently justified and is functionally independent; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that the salinity control structures involved can be handled as four separable units, provided local interests furnish assurances to the Secretary of the Army that the local cooperation requirements of Public Law,

No. 88-298, approved 27 October 1965, would be met; and

WHEREAS, the Bohemia structure will be of great benefit to the State of Louisiana, the Parish of Plaquemines, other local interests and property owners since this area provides eighty percent (80%) of the seed oyster production in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council is favorably inclined to provide one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the cost of this segment of the project representing an estimated \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission finds that this is a beneficial project, being helpful to the overall oyster industry, and that it will cooperate with the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers toward the successful implementation of this segment of the project and other segments of the project at a future date as the initial structure proves to be beneficial and as finances permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that it authorize and direct its Director and staff personnel to cooperate with the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the project and that the necessary legislation be prepared

for introduction in the next session of the Legislature and that this Commission's one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) estimated share of the cost, namely, \$375,000.00 be appropriated in equal shares from the oyster seed ground fund and the commercial seafood fund.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Joe L. Herring to explain the remaining items on the agenda to the Commission.

Mr. Herring said the next item for consideration is the acceptance of a contract No. 5997, with the Louisiana Paving Company, Inc., contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Dorcheat Bayou, Webster Parish and an extension of time to the date of acceptance. Mr. Herring explained to the Commission that the Chief Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Public Works had notified the Commission of the completion of this contract and recommended the acceptance of same to the date of acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed contract No. 5997, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Louisiana Paving Company, Inc.,

contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Dorchest Bayou in Webster Parish, Louisiana and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Louisiana Logging Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5967, with said Commission, dated June 24, 1968, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of Webster, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the request received from Anthony Forest Products Company for a six month extension on their timber cutting contract No. 180-7-124. Mr. Herring explained that the present contract will expire on June 10, 1969; however, since the contract was entered into by this concern, they have experienced extremely bad weather and high water on the area which, in turn, has hindered their work. Therefore, Mr. Herring recommended an extension on the contract.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did enter into a contract with the Anthony Forest Products Company for selective timber cutting on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, During the period of time from the beginning of the contract to present, the contractor has experienced extremely bad weather and high water in the area, thereby hindering the cutting operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant an extension of six (6) months on the timber cutting contract No. 180-7-124, with Anthony Forest Products Company for selective timber cutting on the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. Said contract shall be extended until December 10, 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring explained to the Commission that the next item on the agenda for consideration is the acceptance of completion of the contract with Fontaine Abbott, Contractor for the lab addition to the District VII headquarters

building. Mr. Herring stated that Commission personnel, the contractor and architect inspected the work and found it to be in order as specified in the contract; therefore, Mr. Herring recommended the Commission accept the completion of the contract as also recommended by the architect, Mr. William R. Baker.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Architect, Mr. William R. Baker, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed the contract for the construction of the lab addition to the District VII headquarters building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Fontaine Abbott, General Contractor, for the construction of the lab addition to the District VII headquarters building in Baton Rouge, as specified in said contract is hereby accepted as completed in accordance with the requirements of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Hoffpauer then told the Commission that on August 4, and again on August 17, 1968, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission made two separate shrimp cases in inside waters. Mr. Hoffpauer continued by telling the Commission that many of the shrimp taken were headless, which in turn, made it impossible to determine if they had been taken in inside waters or on the outside. The Attorney General's Office ruled that these headless shrimp should be returned to the fisherman or their equal value. Due to this fact and ruling, Mr. Hoffpauer requested Commission approval to give, in equal portions, the equal value of the confiscated shrimp to the six (6) fishing boats involved in the two cases.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on August 4, 1968 and on August 17, 1968, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's Wildlife Agents arrested a total of six (6) fishermen, charging each with shrimping in closed season in inside waters, and

WHEREAS, all shrimp on the vessels were confiscated and sold at market price, and

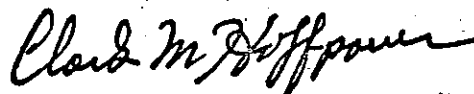
WHEREAS, many, if not all, of the boats had been shrimping in the Gulf for a lengthy period of time and were coming inland at the time of the arrest, and

WHEREAS, many of the shrimp confiscated were headless and ready for the market, making it impossible to determine where the catches were made,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to give each of the six (6) fishing vessels, in equal portions, the value of those shrimp which were headless and confiscated by the Wildlife Agents at the time of the arrests. In accordance with the Attorney General's opinion, said payment is being made to the fishermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Wiafree, the meeting was adjourned.



Clark M. Hoffpauer
Director